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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

OPENING OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE III CONFERENCE
ON LAW OF THE SEA HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY COVERED IN
SPANISH NEWSPAPERS. HOWEVER, NOTHING HAS APPEARED ON
THE ROLE OF SPAIN ORGAINS THIS SEA SURROUNDED COUNTRY
HOPES TO MAKES. QUOTES FOLLOW:
NATIONAL MOVEMENT ORGAN ARRIBA SAW THE CONFERENCE
OPENING IN "AN UNPRECEDENTED CLIMATE OF PESSIMISM".
LDC PARTICIPATION IN EXPLOITATION OF THE SEAS WILL
BE " ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS OF DISCUSSION".
HOWEVER, "THE CONFERENCE COULD END WITHOUT RESOLVING
EXISTING DIFFERENCES... THERE COULD BE FORMED NON TRADITIONAL
BLOCS OTHER THAN "EICH" AND "POOR" BECAUSE REGARDING
THE SEA, THERE ARE INTERESTS THAT CORRESPOND TO A DIFFERENT
ORDERING AS IS DEMONSTRATED IN THE CREATION OF THE "GROUP
OF 87". THIS IS A RELITY WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD
REPTURING THE ALREADY PRECATIOUS UNION OF IDENTIFIABLE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE NON ALIGNED THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES
WHICH WILL MEET THIS MONTH IN SRI LANKA LAW OF THE SEA
WILL ALSO BE UNDER STUDY THERE".
INFORMACIONES ECHOED THE PESSIMISM "THE POSSIBILITIES
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OF CLOSING THE CONFERENCE ON A SUCCESSFUL NOTE AREN'T VERY

OPTIMISTIC, SINCE IT IS EXPECTED THAT, AS IN THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS NATIONAL INTEREST WILL PREVAIL OVER INTERNATIONAL ONES".

IN MEETING HELD LAST MAY, "THE ULTIMATUM OF HENRY KISSINGER STOOD OUT- WARNING PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES THAT, IF THEY HADN'T COME TO AGREEMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THE UNITED STATES WOULD BEGIN TO UNILATERALLY EXPLOIT THE RICHES OF THE SEA DEPTHS.

ROMAN CATHOLIC ORIENTED YALOW ENUMERATES SIX ITEMS "WHICH OUGHT TO BE STUDIED, (1) ESTABLISHED LINES OF DEMARCATION BETWEEN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ZONES OF THE SEA (2) DETERMINE THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT COASTAL AND NON COASTAL STATES HAVE IN THE PROPOSED "ECONOMIC ZONE OF 200 MILES(3) DETERMINE THE RULES AND LAWS THROUGH WHICH THE RIGHT OF FISHING CAN GOVERN THE ECONOMIC ZONE (4) DETERMINE THE RESPONSIBILITY AND THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF RULES AGAINST THE CONTAMINATION OF WATERS IN CERTAIN ZONES OF THE OCEANS (5) SEEK ACCEPTABLE FORMULAS TO ATTAIN THE SO CALLED "TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY" BETWEEN COUNTRIES (6) ACHIEVE THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY OVER THE CONTROL OF MARINE RESOURCES TO REGULATE THE PRODUCTION OF MINERALS EXTRACTED FROM THESE AREAS WHICH, UP TILL NOW, HAVEN'T FALLEN UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ANY STATE. ITEM RYALOW

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